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Fulbright Urges Special Probe Of CIA's Funding Operations

Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) said yesterday that the extent of the Central Intelligence Agency's activities is "much greater than I ever imagined." He argued that the CIA "should be restricted to the gathering of information and not be an operation activity."

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee made his comments on a television program, "Issues and Answers" (WMAL, ABC).

Fulbright said that what he found most disturbing was the covert nature of the CIA's activities in subsidizing international programs. In the last week, CIA funds have been traced to such groups as the National Student Association, the American Newspaper Guild and the Retail Clerks International Association.

Fulbright called for a special investigation of the funding operation.

Fulbright also criticized the secret subsidization of books by the CIA and the United States Information Agency.

"If it is going to be, it ought to be open and above board, that this is a USIA book or this is a CIA activity," Fulbright said. "I don't think it would disturb people, and in any case we would be able to make up our minds for or against that kind of activity."

One of the groups identified as receiving grants from CIA conduits is Operations and Policy Research, Inc., of Washington.

Nation magazine says today in an editorial that this group helps select United States Information Agency literature for distribution abroad. It said the Sidney and Esther Rabb Foundation of Boston, which has previously been identified as a CIA conduit, gave "four times as much" to Operations and Policy Research as it did to NSA.

Nation also said the Washington group received more than $120,000 in the last two years from the Pappas Charitable Trust of Boston, which the magazine called the supporter of "CIA front" foundation.

Operations and Policy Research Inc. is headed by Dr. Evron M. Kirkpatrick, who also is executive director of the American Political Science Association. The group's vice president is Washington lawyer Max M. Kampelman, who also is connected with the American Political Science Association.

Kirkpatrick and Kampelman are close friends and political advisers of Vice President Humphrey. Their relationship dates back to Humphrey's days on the University of Minnesota campus and Humphrey's years as Mayor of Minneapolis.

Kirkpatrick called the Nation editorial a "Gothic tale" "with a few truths carefully distributed through" it. He said his group had received "grants from many organizations," but he asked "does anyone seriously suggest that these foundations distribute money only at the behest of the CIA?"

Kampelman said he didn't know if the organization had any relationship with the CIA.

Vice President Humphrey could not be reached for comment. His office said he would have none.

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